PAPERS

Of some Passages betweene the

KING,

And the Commissioners of both Kingdoms, about the Propositions FOR

PEACE,

Delivered to His MAJESTY.

Being the Heads of severall Letters to the Speaker of the house of Peers, to the Scots Commissioners, and to Members of Parliament, and other Gentlemen, sent from NEWCASTLE.

With the Copy of a Petition from Edenburgh, to the KING.

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To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Petition of the Provest, Bayliffs and counsell of Edinburg, the representive body thereof convened in Counsell.

WHereas Your Majesty hath beene graciously pleased to cause publish a Proclamation here, declaring Your pious and Royall Resolutions for setling Religion and Peace in these afflicted Kingdomes, the Petitioners blesse God who hath put these thoughts in Your Majesties Royall heart, and do still pray the Almighty God to confirme them, and in his wisdom and power to assist Your Majesty in the diligent and timeous prosecution of the same, as for this City the Petitioners acknowledge it their duty to testify to Your Majesty and all the world, that according to their many Protestations and

ſolemne Covenants they do ſtill as they did ever intertaine the conſciences of all Loyall, and native duty to Your Majeſty, from which they ſhall never depart,

And therefore from the like ſence of duty the Petitioners do humbly ſupplicate Your Majeſty in this joynture of time, at which they conceive both Parliaments are to give in to Your Majeſty Propoſitions for a happy Peace, that it would pleaſe Your Royall wiſdome to take this opportunity to make uſe of there wholeſome counſell, for ſetling true Religion and Peace in all Your Kingdomes, and for ſtrengthning the union of the two Nations with your Majeſty and betwixt themſelves, whereby we are confident glory ſhall redound to God, honour and happines to Your Majeſty and Royall Poſterity, and comfort to all Your Majeſties good Subjects,

Which we ſhall be inſtant in Prayer to the Almighty God for, and (as in all bound duty become,

Your Majeſties Moſt humble moſt faithfull and obedient Subjects.

Subſcribed by the Proveſt and Bayliffs of Edenburg.

Heads of Letters to the *Speaker of the Houſe of Lords*, the *Scots Commiſſioners* to Members of the houſe of Commons, and other Gentlemen from *Newcaſtle*.

MAny other Petitions have beene delivered to His Majeſty, to deſire him to paſſe the Propoſitions. This Petition came very ſeaſonably from Edenburgh before the delivery of the Propoſitions to the King, His Majeſty received this and the reſt, and ſaid He would take the ſame into conſideration, and would do what might be for a ſafe Peace: ſome His Majeſty tould, that when the Propoſitions came Hee would ſpeedily give a ſatisfactory Anſwer.

The Commiſſioners of both Kingdomes having delivered the Propoſitions to His Majeſty, Hee asked if they had power to Treate, and being anſwered in the negative, His Majeſty ſaid that then they might have beene as well ſent by an honeſt Trumpeter.

M. *Martiall* Preached a Sermon at Newcaſtle of Righteouſneſſe and Peace, after which His Majeſty had ſome ſpeech with him about ſome paſſages of ſome men in the Kingdome, in relation to his Sermon.

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The Scots Miniſters have preached ſeverall Preparative Sermons before the King, to perſwade Him to paſſe the Propoſitions; and have privately uſed all perſwaſions they could that Hee might be prepared to a reſolution for the paſſing of them, and His Majeſty hath ſtill had Anſwers ready for thoſe, who have uſed any Arguments in private to Him, about the ſame: which were ſuch as cauſed a feare of not paſſing them.

There hath beene great Union and Love betwene the Commiſſioners both of England and Scotland, in the mannaging of the buſineſſe they are intruſted with, about the Propoſitions.

M. *Henderſon* hath beene ſeverall times with the King, and diſcourſed about the affaires of the Kingdomes, and His Majeſty hath read much in ſome Books by him preached to Him.

His Majeſtie hath playd little at Goffe ſince the Commiſſioners came to Newcaſtle, nor of a few dayes before, and is of late very much given to privacie.

There have beene ſome complaints made by ſome from about Kirkleathome, and other parts in Yorkſhire, to Lieutenant Generall *David Leſly*, againſt ſome unruly Souldiers; eſpecially againſt thoſe that were *Vander Hurts* men, which is to bee taken into conſideration by the field Officers, as anſwer was given.

Montroſſe is not yet gone from Scotland, nor likely to depart untill he know what the event is about the Propoſitions.

The Engliſh Commiſſioners do nothing without the conſent of the Scottiſh Commiſſioners, nor they without

without consent of them, and no disagreement is amongst them in any thing in relation to the Propositions.

The feares after the delivery of the Propositions (by what was observed) were dayly more and more; that the King would not passe the Propositions, yet still all possible meanes were used by all, in which his Lordship the E. of *Pembrookes* faithfulnesse, and prudence was great.

Since our Commissioners have been at Newcastle, there hath not beene such endeavourings by Malignants to have recourse to the Court.

His Majesty hath beene moved to send for Prince *Charles* to returne back from France, and to remaine in these Kingdomes.

Some few dayes after the Propositions were delivered to the King: the Commissioners desired His Majestie to returne them answer with all speede that conveniently His Majesty could, to whom they received answer from His Majestie that He knew the time limited, and that within the time that was set they should receive an Answer from him. The Letters whereof these are the heads,

Dated, July 30, 1646. Newcastle.

Letters to the Scots Commissioners and others, dated Saturday last, At Newcastle 1 *August*, 1646.

THat on the said Saturday 1. August 1646. *the Commissioners received no answer of passing the Propositions:*

ſitions, nor any thing ſave onely a Paper not poſſitive to the buſineſſe, notwithſtanding that the full time ſet them by their Inſtructions to waite for an anſwer was expected.

That His Majeſty findes fault that they have not Commiſſions to expound the Propoſitions and debate of them, &c.

That His Majeſty finds fault that there is ſo ſhort a time given Him, to give His anſwer to them.

That His Majeſty deſires that there may be a Treaty between His Majeſty and both Kingdomes.

That His Majeſty may come to London, and that He may reſide neer the Parliament during a Treaty to be Held between His Majeſty and the Parliament.

That if there ſhould be a Treaty it would make the ſetling of the Kingdomes (by all poſſibility) to be at as far a diſtance (or farther) from a period, as it was before the Propoſitions was begun to be debated.

That generally all well affected people about Newcaſtle are much troubled and ſad, that His Majeſty would not paſſe the Propoſitions:

Which Letters were Dated

Auguſt. 1. 1646. Newcaſtle.

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